

River Pirates Convicted in 6-Million Case

Freight Conductor, Drayman,
Former Saloon Man and
His Porter Found Guilty
of Stealing Worst Cargo

This Loot Worth \$90,000

Authorities Round Up Gang
That Operated in Jersey
Yards for Nine Years

Two ringleaders and two minor members of a highly organized gang of river pirates, which is alleged to have operated here for nine years and to have stolen goods valued at \$6,000,000 in 1919 and 1920 alone, were convicted in the Federal district court yesterday. The specific charge against them was the theft of 375 bolts of worsted, valued at \$80,000, while moving in interstate commerce on May 24, 1920. Judge Van Fleet will pronounce sentence Wednesday.

Forty-eight alleged members of the gang were indicted in June, 1920, and twelve already have pleaded guilty and been sentenced to terms of from one to three years in Atlanta Penitentiary. According to Garrett W. Cotter, assistant United States District Attorney handling the case, the pirates not only maintained regularly a fleet of three barges and four launches on the river, but had train crews in their employ on every railroad entering the Metropolitan district. Conductors acting under forged orders are alleged to have dropped freight cars on lonely sidings, where the gang's trucks were in readiness to carry off the loot. On the river, it is charged, the gang either bought the collusion of large captains and guards or forced them by threats to permit thefts. In the latter case, it is alleged, the victims were forced to accept bribes to keep them from reporting the thefts at some later time.

In the case in which a verdict was returned yesterday a freight car containing 375 bolts of worsted shipped from the Cleveland Woolen Mills, at Ravenna, Ohio, to Hubschman and Brother, 234 Fourth Avenue, was taken from the Erie yards in Jersey City and dropped on a siding at Soho, N. J. The contents were transferred immediately into trucks which were waiting when the train stopped and brought to this city. After two days, the worsted was taken to a saloon in Thirtieth Avenue and stored.

The men convicted in connection with this theft are "Matty" Donovan, the saloon keeper, who has been arrested sixteen times on charges, including robbery, felonious assault, and receiving stolen goods; Nathan Zimmerman, of the Z. & K. Trucking Company, which is alleged to have done all the trucking for the gang here; George Barron, conductor of the freight train; and Dominick Lucif, formerly a porter in Donovan's saloon. Lucif, a Carlestown, Mass., brakeman on the train, was acquitted.

"Matty" Donovan and Zimmerman, with "Jimmy" Donovan, now serving a three-year term in Atlanta, are believed to have been the leaders of the ring. "Matty" Donovan, besides being regarded as the brains of the combine, is said to have disposed of much of its stolen property.

Statements in court were that much of the stolen merchandise handled by the pirates was disposed of in the South and affected the markets there. Barron, the convicted conductor, was linked up with the stealing of the worsted because pieces ripped from the crates that had held the goods were left scattered along the siding where he had halted his train.

Woman Freed in Murder Case Is Committed to Asylum

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 3.—Miss Lena Clark, former Palm Beach postmistress, found not guilty of murder on the ground of insanity by a jury yesterday, to-day was ordered committed to the state insane asylum by Judge Andrews, who presided at the trial.

Miss Clark was charged with shooting to death Fred Milmore, a former employee of the Palm Beach postoffice, where, it was charged, she had misappropriated large sums of money.

Aequa Santa Golf Links of Rome in Danger of Ruin

LONDON, Nov. 15 (By Mail).—One of the attractions of Rome, according to "The Morning Post" correspondent,

not only for foreign visitors, but also for Italian residents, who have taken to the game with fervor, is the beautifully situated golf links at Aequa Santa on the Via Appia Nuova. The Roman Golf Club, which has existed for more than eighteen years, is now, however, menaced. Although the ground is the property of Don Giovanni Tordinona, some one, who has taken certain pozzolana quarries in the vicinity, has invaded the links and opened up a quarry, which has already involved the destruction of one of the best holes.

Black Still Vogue Despite Onslaught By Paris Modistes

French Women Refuse to
Buy Colored Clothes Which
Fashion Leaders Prescribe;
American Shoes Popular

PARIS, Nov. 3 (By Mail).—Black remains supreme in the fashion world of Paris. Despite a severe onslaught by advocates of color, the supreme council of style has been determined to retain the conventional black as the dominant motif of all fall and winter modes, and there is every indication that colors, which in minor trimming effects, will not be able to challenge black until late spring.

Adopted at a time when economy was the guiding idea of all feminine purchases, black has come to be regarded as the most becoming color. French women say it is alone in lending itself to striking effects.

Broadmakers quickly gathered together before fall and winter modes were given to the world and tacitly agreed that colors should have a chance. The adoption of black was hurting them financially. One black gown, carefully selected, too the place of two or three dresses of different colors.

Women Reply Emphatically "No." But the French women who are indicators of the newest developments in style, said a very emphatic "No." The demand this fall was for black and the big dressmakers bowed to the inevitable. Crepe Moroccan, velvet and perline are the most popular materials.

The corset makers, however, have been slightly more successful in their efforts to bring the corset back into its own. Dressmakers are insisting that corsets are now necessary to give the "uncorseted look." This propaganda has succeeded in some instances, but most French women, having fought and won their freedom, are loath, in the language of a famous French actress, "to fill their bodies again."

There are four definite features of the fall and winter modes: a very long waist line, longer circular skirts with full sides, eccentric sleeves of gay colors and the famous Baroque neck line.

Brick red has been used extensively as trimming and some green steel ornaments, or hats, purses, dresses and even shoes are the newest thing in novelties.

"Knickerbocker" Shoes Popular Door knobs and nailhead effects are used in making girdles. In the case of shoes, the usual order of things has been reversed and the most expensive shoes in Paris are "knickerbocker" shoes, with large steel buckles.

These shoes look more like American shoes than anything ever before worn by French women, although the French last is retained. The short, stubby toe has disappeared in stylish French footwear.

Black again dominates in hats, felt being the best liked material. Crowns are much higher, and the fall hats are so big that they interfere with dancing. Smaller hats will be worn with fur coats later in the season.

Circular earrings, usually a circle of jet or ebony within a larger circle, are worn by the most dressed women this fall. Novelty shops cannot make them large enough. Some women wear very large ones, almost cannibalistic in effect.

Gay color has its only opportunity in evening gowns for young girls. These are made in the brightest of colors, but the evening dresses worn by their mothers and older relatives are black. The Empire period has given the inspiration for the youthful evening dresses this year, making wearers look like venerated ancestors. The skirts are large and full, with hips extended.

More Victims Tell Of Fees Paid to Lorenz's Bogus Aid

Brooklyn Man Says He Gave
\$50 to 'Dr. Weyman,' Who
Examined Girl and Promised
Help of Specialist

The returns continue to come in on the activities of "Dr. Clifford Weyman," who as self-styled emissary from the New York Health Department insinuated himself into the position of secretary to Dr. Adolph Lorenz. Yesterday S. Kassov, of 1756 Sterling Place, Brooklyn, appeared at the Hospital for Joint Diseases to inquire what had happened to the \$50 he said he gave to Weyman to obtain for him a preferential appointment with Dr. Lorenz.

Kassov, who is a clockmaker, added that he was one of the crowd who stormed the clinic to obtain the specialist's examination of his sister, twenty years old, who has been paralyzed since she was four. He said he had been waiting the greater part of each day for three days, when a man who gave him the name of Dr. Weyman, the physician's private secretary, approached him and suggested that if he would call on him at the Murray Hill Hotel he would tell him how he could get access to the specialist.

At the Murray Hill Hotel, Kassov says, he found about thirty people on the same errand. Weyman, who was known generally at the hotel as Lorenz's assistant, took each in turn, he said. He told Kassov, the man charged, that for \$50 he would undertake himself to examine Kassov's sister privately and to obtain for her an operation by Dr. Lorenz. He called at Kassov's house, examined the girl and collected \$50.

Later Kassov said he learned that Weyman had made a similar arrangement with others for sums ranging variously from \$5 to \$20.

Dr. Lorenz did not permit himself to be disturbed by the disclosures of Weyman's activities, and to-day performed an operation for club feet on James May, of Richmond Hill, L. I. The operation took place at the Kings County Hospital before a large and representative gathering of Brooklyn orthopedists, to whom Dr. Lorenz lectured later, illustrating with charts and slides the technique of his method.

Helen Quackenbush, a very pretty young woman of twenty-seven, came all the way from Walkhill, N. Y., to remind Dr. Lorenz that on the occasion of his last visit here in 1903 he operated on her for a congenital dislocation of the hip and cured her. Since then, she says, she runs, jumps and walks like other persons, and swims and dances a little better than most.

Twelve Chicago Doctors Oppose Visit of Lorenz

Detroit Physicians Threaten to
Abandon Any Patient Who
Consults Austrian Surgeon

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Twelve prominent Chicago physicians issued a joint statement to-day pointing out the harm to invalids they thought would arise from publicity given to Dr. Adolph Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon, who is expected to visit Chicago soon. It was announced unofficially that a number of Chicago hospitals had decided not to invite Dr. Lorenz to their clinics.

The statement said the American medical profession looked with disfavor on newspaper publicity of the type Dr. Lorenz has received.

DETROIT, Dec. 3.—That some Detroit surgeons are opposed to the visit of Dr. Lorenz was revealed to-day in a statement by Mayor Couzens, who invited the specialist here.

Opposition is said to have been stirred up by Dr. F. C. Warnhuis, of Grand Rapids, Mich., an official of the Michigan Medical Association, in a telegram to the Wayne County Medical Society, and which has been formally discussed at least once at a meeting of that body.

Some of the reputed opposition is said to have taken the form of statements by Detroit doctors that if any of their patients should be treated by Dr. Lorenz during his proposed visit they would have nothing further to do with the patients.

Mayor Couzens declared he could not conceive how any Michigan doctor could object to Dr. Lorenz, or any other doctor from anywhere, helping crippled children and wanting to reserve America for Americans.

'Miss Hatfield,' a Widow, Mother of Five Children

Woman, Supposed To Be Spinster, Reveals Her Marriage
on Deathbed

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 3.—The identity of "Miss May Hatfield," who was revealed on her deathbed to her children, who had mourned their mother as dead for twenty-seven years. It was not until she realized her end was near that she summed up a physician and under a pledge of secrecy told him she was a widow with four sons and a daughter. They were summoned to the home to-day, but would not reveal their names, nor hers.

More than \$1,000 was found hidden in a closet in her house. She had kept store and lived alone since leaving her family home, leaving the building but persuading children in the neighborhood to do her shopping.

Data Gathered on Germany's Ability to Meet Reparations

Financial and Industrial
Status of Nation Bared by
Guaranties Commission;
Record Inflation of Mark

BERLIN, Nov. 12 (By Mail).—A vast mass of data on Germany's raw materials, productivity, labor, wages and the country's financial status is being gathered by the members of the Guaranties and Industrial Commission of the Reparations Commission now in Berlin.

Almost daily consultations are being held with various government officials, as well as financial and industrial leaders as to the prospects of Germany meeting her \$100,000,000 gold installment to the Allied powers on January 1, and in some of these conferences Roland W. Boyden and Colonel James A. Logan, the unofficial American representatives, are having a part. The second of four installments, another \$100,000,000, is due next April.

The commissioners are expected to remain here until December 1, when they will go back to Paris to report to the full Reparations Commission. One of the most important phases of their investigation has been currency inflation and the decline of the mark. It is estimated that since the reparations payments began last May the outstanding paper money circulation in Germany jumped from 69,724,403 marks to \$1,347,101,000 marks for the week ending October 31.

A comparison with pre-war issues shows even more pronounced the extent of inflation. For instance, in the week ending July 25, 1912, the paper money issue aggregated only 1,004,260,000 marks. The same week of 1913 it was 1,826,920,000 marks and in 1914 it was 1,830,893,000 marks. At the end of November 6, 1916, it had jumped to 7,246,260,000. The same week a year later it was 10,403,740,000 marks and two years later it had gone to 16,969,260,000. The week of May 24, 1919, it was 27,326,480,000 and the same week in 1920 it reached 49,127,540,000 marks.

A recent statement by Dr. Friedrich Rosen, former Foreign Minister, that the amount of German property sequestered in various countries is sufficient to meet her reparations obligations has been the subject of discussions. The United States at one time possessed \$150,000,000 worth of property belonging to the German government. Representations by Dr. Bernhard Dernburg that only "an indeterminate moratorium" can save Germany from ruin are also being looked into, as well as the recent negotiations here between Baron Anthony Rothschild of London, and German bankers, regarding a proposed loan of \$500,000,000 in 3 per cent thirty-five year bonds, with amortization provisions.

Dynamite Uncovers Bones Of Prehistoric Monsters

Graves unexcavated for hundreds of thousands of years, according to scientists, were jarred to daylight at Torrance, near Los Angeles, when a blast of 100 pounds of dynamite pushed into the air fossils of antediluvian beasts. It was a treasure blast, especially set for a group of California scientists who visited the lime-pits which have given forth molars of the two-toed horse, the saber-toothed tiger, the giant sloth and other peculiar inhabitants of the jungles which existed about a million years or more before Los Angeles was thought of.

A whole mass of interesting discoveries was made in the debris of the explosions. Scientists accompanied the fossils which are being catalogued for various museums throughout California. Something of the size of these prehistoric monsters may be gleaned when it is known that a tooth measures about fifteen inches across the top and is from eighteen to twenty-four inches long.

Brooklyn Detective Makes Arrest in Katz Murder Case

Two Men Held in \$15,000
Bail Each Charged With
Larceny of \$29,000
From Broadway Bank

A man describing himself as Ragnarold Madsen, twenty-four years old, of 172 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, was arrested in Hoboken yesterday by a detective of the Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, police station. According to the Brooklyn police the man is wanted in connection with the murder of Samuel Katz, on the second floor of his furrier's establishment at 504 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, on November 25.

Early on the afternoon of that date three men entered the fur store and asked to see a coat. When Katz turned to get it it is alleged that one of the men struck him on the head with the butt of a revolver. He screamed and the men ran. Otto Heitke, of Woodhull and Columbia streets, Brooklyn, was arrested a few blocks from the scene. Katz died later at the Norwegian Hospital.

Harry Brenner, thirty-two years old, of 367 East 156th Street, formerly a bookkeeper in the Broadway Central Bank, and Jacob Fleischman, forty-two years old, a salesman, of 300 West 116th Street, were held in \$15,000 bail each yesterday by Magistrate Stanley Renaud in West Side Court on a charge of larceny. They were alleged to have obtained \$29,000 from the Broadway Central Bank by check manipulations.

Alice Stewart and Robert E. Leigh, negroes, living at 233 East Seventy-third Street, were held in \$10,000 bail each yesterday by Magistrate Thomas J. Nolan, in Harlem Court, on a charge of suspicion of larceny. The two were arrested in Hartford, Conn., on a complaint sworn out by Mrs. Mary Raborg, a widow, of 1187 Lexington Avenue. The Stewart woman was employed by Mrs. Raborg as maid. The day on which she left the Raborg employ Mrs. Raborg found that \$10,000 worth of jewelry was missing.

Following his arrest last night, August Daigard, of 813 Broadway, Brooklyn, is alleged to have confessed in the Gates Avenue police station to thirty burglaries in Brooklyn. Detectives

Exodus of Mennonites From Canada Begins

Advance Party of 1,000 Soon
to Go to Mexico to Pre-
pare for Others

SASKATOON, Sask., Nov. 29 (By Mail).—The much heralded exodus of old colony church Mennonites from Western Canada to Northern Mexico is to become a reality, for arrangements have been completed whereby an advance party of 1,000 will leave the Hague district in the near future to do pioneer work on their new holdings. There are about thirty different sects of Mennonites, and this is a distinct movement from that proposed by one section of Mennonites who have purchased land in South America.

An official statement, signed by Bishop Wall, of the Hague district, declares: "Our only objection (to staying in Canada) lies in the fact that the concessions granted and ratified by the Federal government, giving us entire right to conduct our schools 'without molestation or restriction' has now been repudiated." The original charter granted by the government was signed in 1873.

The transfer of property from the Mennonites to a Winnipeg land company is near completion, and under the terms of the agreement all land must be vacated by December 1, 1922. The holdings of the Mennonites in the Hague district comprise 85,000 acres. This deal is also entirely independent of the Mennonite colonies of Swift Current and Manitoba, although these people have already contracted for the purchase of blocks of land in northern Mexico. When the trek of old colony church sect has been completed a total of 11,000 of these people will have left Canada for Mexico. Another 11,000 will be affected by the move to South America, but it was pointed out, they are not members of the old colony church.

It is estimated that the old colony church members leaving the West will take with them a total of some \$14,000,000 in cash, or about \$15,000 net cash per family on the average.

Russia to Become Great Republic, Says Miliukov

Former Member of Kerensky
Regime Sees End of
Bolshevik Rule

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—Russia will emerge from the difficulties it now faces not only a great republic but a democratic federation in the truest sense, declared Dr. Paul Miliukov, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the provisional government of Russia (the Kerensky regime), before the American Academy of Political and Social Science to-night.

Dr. Miliukov expressed confidence that the present regime was near its end, asserting that it has failed to live up to its promises and, therefore, has lost the confidence of the masses, and that it faces insurmountable economic difficulties. The attitude of the Russian people, he declared, indicates that no reactionary monarchist government will ever succeed in establishing itself.

Sunday Trains Opposed

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 3.—The annual Methodist conference in session here to-day adopted a resolution urging Congress to pass the proposed law forbidding operation of trains and

Nurse Asks for Stay in Trial for Killing Lawyer

Mrs. Stone Obtains Order Re-
quiring Lewis to Show Why
Plea Should Be Denied

Mrs. Olivia M. P. Stone, the graduate nurse who is in Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn, awaiting trial on an indictment charging her with shooting and killing Ellis Guy Kinkaid, a lawyer, on August 6 last, obtained yesterday from Supreme Court Justice Shelby an order directing District Attorney Lewis to show cause why all proceedings against her should not be stayed. The order is returnable on Tuesday.

The trial was to have begun on Monday. Mrs. Stone seeks to have it put off until commissions, which are gathering testimony which she deems essential to the conduct of her defense, shall return from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Jersey.

Her defense will rest principally on the proof that she was the wife of Ellis G. Kinkaid, having, as she alleges, "entered into a marriage contract with him in May, 1918, in Atlantic City."

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